

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR MOPS CG ZA  
SUBJ: ALLEGED BOMBING OF ZAMBIAN VILLAGES BY ZAIRE

REF: (A) LUSAKA 0991; (B) LUSAKA 1001; (C) LUSAKA 1022

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT LENGEMA DURING HIS DISCUSSION WITH KMANDA ON APRIL 13 (REFTEL A) SAID ZAIRE WOULD UNDERTAKE AN INQUIRY INTO THE BOMBING INCIDENT AND ZAIRE WAS WILLING TO PAY ZAMBIA COMPENSATION IF IT HAD BEEN RESPONSIBLE. FOLLOWING MOBUTU'S STATEMENT THAT ZAIRE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INCIDENT (REFTEL B) AND IT WAS PROBABLY THE RUSSIANS, THE ZAIRIAN AMBASSADOR WAS ASKED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR AN OFFICIAL EXPLANATION OF MOBUTU'S ATTEMPT TO SHIFT THE BLAME (REFTEL C). HE, IN HIS TURN, ASKED FOR INSTRUCTIONS FROM KINSHASA AND WAS TOLD BY KINSHASA TO INFORM THE GRZ THAT LENGEMA'S PROMISE STOOD--INVESTIGATION FOLLOWED BY REPARATIONS.

2. COMMENT: THE QUICKER THIS INCIDENT CAN BE LAID TO REST THE BETTER FOR ALL CONCERNED. ZAIRIAN DENIALS OF RESPONSIBILITY, ACCOMPANIED BY AN ATTEMPT TO SHIFT BLAME TO OTHERS, FOLLOWED

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BY DEMANDS FOR EXPLANATIONS BY ZAMBIA IS A GUARANTEED WAY OF POISONING THE ATMOSPHERE AT A CRITICAL TIME IN ZAIRE.

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